

save the children before a fire engine arrived on the scene and without breathing equipment.

The firefighters continued to attack the blaze, but were forced to leave the building due to deteriorating conditions in the house. Although they were unable to save the children, the team from the Pana Fire Department displayed bravery, heroism, and selflessness throughout their actions that day.

I'm proud to recognize their efforts and the citation they received earlier this month. To the members of the Pana Fire Department, and all the first responders across the country, I thank them for all that they do to protect us and keep us safe.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BHUTANESE REFUGEE COMMUNITY'S ARRIVAL IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Bhutanese refugee community's arrival in Onondaga County.

The first members of our vibrant Bhutanese community arrived in Central New York in 2008, in the wake of intolerance and violence in Bhutan. Today, almost 3,000 Bhutanese people live in Central New York, where they serve as good neighbors, excellent students, and leaders of our community.

Under the leadership of Jay Subedi, who serves as the President of the Bhutanese Community in Syracuse, the Bhutanese Community runs educational programs such as English as a Second Language and citizenship classes. The Bhutanese Community in Syracuse also offers Problem Solving programming in which volunteers assist members of the community in basic daily tasks such as applying for government assistance, making and changing doctor's appointments, and filling out different types of applications.

On March 24th, the Bhutanese community organized a 10th anniversary celebration at Franklin Elementary School. As a testament to the organization's dedication to our community, it has also announced the creation of a blessing box, which will be filled with food every Saturday and used to provide for people of lower incomes.

It is my honor to recognize the contributions of the Bhutanese community to Central New York over the past 10 years. The United States is a country that was founded by immigrants. Our success as a nation is directly tied to our acceptance of all nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures. I join our community in wishing all members of the Bhutanese community "congratulations" on 10 years of improving and enriching our community.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS FIELDER,  
MAYOR OF LEANDER, TEXAS

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I commend the extraordinary work of Chris Fielder, Mayor of Leander, Texas who will retire on June 21 after serving his beloved community for eleven years. Chris' leadership, vision, and commitment to doing what's best for his city have made Leander a great place to live and work.

Chris served the growing city of Leander as a councilmember from 2007 to 2012, and Mayor from 2012 to 18. During his tenure, he unselfishly gave many hours to the good citizens of his community. As a true leader, he has always shown great respect and support for both staff and colleagues as well as a willingness to make tough decisions. He championed property tax rate reductions, obtained voter approval for general bond election propositions, improved local government transparency, oversaw large capital projects, and initiated the development of Veterans Park. No one can doubt that Chris has made a real difference in the lives of residents. His work is a model of sensible governance that puts people first.

While Chris isn't tired of the privilege of serving as Leander's mayor, he knows that everything has its season and that it's time to allow the next generation of leaders to take to the stage. Retirement from office won't give him much idle time. He'll fill his days managing his small business and spending time with his beloved wife MaShon and their two children.

I'm glad civic-minded leaders like Mayor Chris Fielder are working hard to improve their communities. He's led Leander to new heights and positioned his beloved city to progress into a bright future. I salute his work, congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him nothing but the best for the years ahead.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
THOMAS DOWNS

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Downs' 51 years of service to the Hampton Bays Fire Department. Thomas was accepted into the Hampton Bays Fire Department on June 14, 1967. Throughout his years of service, he has held many positions within the department, quickly rising to the rank of Captain and placed in charge of nearly every new truck as it was placed into service. Serving as Chief of the Department from 1982 until 1983, Mr. Downs has received many of the Department's top awards, including Fireman of the Year in both 1989 and 2013, Old Timer of the Year on two occasions and the Dave Powers Memorial 110% Award in 2006. To this day, Mr. Downs continues to serve his community as one of our top first responders, sharing his wealth of knowledge and fostering the next generation of firefighters, and today I

thank him for his years of selfless service to the community of Hampton Bays and look forward to many more years to come.

HONORING WILLIAM HOLDEN'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of this year's marking of the 100th anniversary of movie icon William Holden's birth.

William Holden was born William Franklin Beedle, Jr., in O'Fallon, Illinois in 1918. He and his family had a remarkable American story, with roots that could be traced all the way back to Mary Ball, mother of George Washington.

William was one of the most popular actors in America in the 1950s and 1960s, starring in Sunset Boulevard, Sabrina, The Wild Bunch, The Bridge on the River Kwai, and 1953's Stalag 17, a movie for which he won the Academy Award for Best Actor. He also won a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor for his performance in the 1973 television film The Blue Knight.

William Holden is also recognized for his leadership and service to his country in the United States Air Force during World War II. For these reasons, I join many Illinoisans in honoring William Holden, one of O'Fallon, Illinois' most famous sons.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
STEPHEN CVENGROS

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 12, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of Stephen Cvengros. Mr. Cvengros recently retired as the Vice President of Content for Advance Media New York, the accredited publisher of The Post-Standard, Syracuse.com, and NYup.com. Mr. Cvengros retired with numerous accolades in the news business and leaves behind a lasting legacy.

Mr. Cvengros has worked for several news and media outlets throughout his career, which he began in print media. He was an editor for the Chicago Tribune, The Detroit News, and Newsday. Later, he became an executive producer for MSN News before starting his tenure at Advance Media New York.

In Mr. Cvengros' time at Advance Media New York, he has helped The Post-Standard develop its website and build a strong online following. As a result, Syracuse.com has frequently ranked in the top of local news sites in the country. Additionally, The Post-Standard has cemented its position as one of the nation's top five best read newspapers.

Throughout his career, Mr. Cvengros has accumulated numerous awards, including Gold Awards from the National Press Photographers Association and glowing recognition from the Michigan Press Association. His decorated career reflects his hard work and passion for journalism.

I commend Stephen Cvengros for his dedication to journalistic integrity and for efforts to